

ST LEONARD CHURCH

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

WEEKLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*Let the peace of Christ
control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Leonard Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM
10:30 AM (Italian)
12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri 12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15-5 PM
and upon request

Saint Stephen Church

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri 7:30 AM

Sacred Heart Church

is temporarily closed



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Saint Stephen church

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SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Schedule of Devotions

Mon - Fri	11:30 AM Rosary 12:05 Mass
Monday	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	12:30 PM St Anthony Novena
Weds	12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph 1st Wed of every month Queen of Peace Prayer Group 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Thursday	11:00 AM Adoration Pure in Heart Young Adults 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Friday	12:30-3:30 PM Adoration 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM
Deacon: Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM
Italian Ministry: Rev. Federico Cinocca
Sacristan: Charles Falla, OFS
St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

New Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday Closed
Office Manager: Janine Martignetti
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Saint John School

Principal: Claire Cassidy
Tel: 617-227-3143 Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Mon - Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**St Leonard Church will be closed for
cleaning on Mondays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM
& Thursdays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM**

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions Dec 26 - Jan 1

December 25 - Saturday

9:00am - For all our Parishioners
10:30am - Per tutti I Nostri Parrochiani
12:00pm - For all our Parishioners
5:00pm - For all our Parishioners

December 26 - Sunday

9:00am - Laurie Ansalbi
10:30am - Luigi & Ersiliatorra; Rocco; Filomena Pasquale; Dolores Pezzano
12:00pm - Deceased members of the Cogliano & Solomita Families; Alice Fucci; Adelina & Adolfo Cillo; Richard Muse; Mario & Anna Ventresca; Domenic Ventresca; Antonio & Gilda D'Amato; Domenico & Maria Ventresca; Aniello DeDona

December 29 - Wednesday

12:05pm - Aniello Capodilupo

December 31 - Friday

12:00pm - St Anthony
5:00pm - Mass at St. Stephens Church

January 1 - Saturday

4:15pm - Confession
5:00pm - Annette Mastrullo; Maria Gesualdi

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week
of December 26 - January 1 at Saint Leonard
Church for Christine Meikisstian



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of
December 26 - January 1 at Saint Leonard
Church for Maria Gesualdi

On December 25 & 26 a Special Collection will
take place for the Retired Franciscan Friars of
the Immaculate Conception Province



ST. STEPHENS CHURCH

Mass Intentions Dec 26 - Jan 1

December 25 - Saturday

11:00am - Noel Costello

December 30 - Thursday

7:30am - MaryEllen Mooney

December 31 - Friday

7:30am - Sean Casey

January 1 - Saturday

4:00pm - Mary Aluia



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 26 - January 1 at Saint Stephens Church for Sean Casey

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEARS EVE DECEMBER 31, 2021

12:05pm - Mass St. Leonard's Church

5:00pm - Mass St. Stephens Church
(This year only)

For further information on any further events, please go to our St Leonard website
<https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/>



ST LEONARD PARISH DECEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,352

Week 2: \$ 2,840

Week 3: \$ 2,430

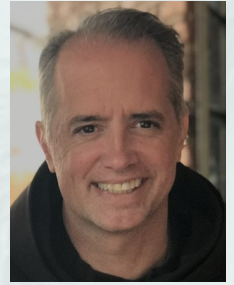
Weekly Budget: \$ 9,636

PASTOR MESSAGE

FATHER MICHAEL DELLA PENNA

The Light of the world

The birth of Christ our savior forever changed the nature of the world! No longer would evil, death and sin reign; but a new light has dawned on creation, revealing a new hope for all humanity. Jesus sacrificed His life in order to save us. To save us from what?



To save us from everything: our pride, selfishness, ego, fear, sin, death, evil, envy, anxiety, etc- everything and anything that prevents us from loving as God intended and becoming one with Him.

Jesus came for each of us who live in a darkness of doubt, shame, addiction, confusion or despair. He came to redeem our wounded humanity and restore our dignity with His purity and truth and love. He came to bring us true peace, peace of heart- a peace that the world cannot give.

Let us pray today that Christ finds many many open hearts this Christmas, hearts that are waiting and longing and hoping to be filled and consoled by His grace.

May God bless each of you this Christmas with an abundance of Joy.

Merry Christmas to All



CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

At Christmas our thoughts turn to the different events and circumstances surrounding the birth of the Son of God. As we contemplate the stable in Bethlehem or the home of the holy family in Nazareth, Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus occupy a special place in our hearts. What does the simple, admirable life of the holy family tell us? What can we learn from it?



I would like particularly to comment on one of the many considerations that we might make on this theme. As we read in holy Scripture, the birth of Jesus means the beginning of the fullness of time. It was the moment God chose to show the extent of his love for men, by giving us his own Son. And God's will is fulfilled in the simplest, most ordinary of circumstances: a woman who gives birth, a family, a home. The power of God and his splendour come to us through a human reality to which they are joined. Since that moment Christians have known that, with God's grace, they can and should sanctify everything that is good in their human lives. There is no human situation, no matter how trivial and ordinary it may seem, which cannot be a meeting-place with Christ and a step forward on our journey toward the kingdom of heaven.

It is only natural that the Church rejoices as it contemplates the modest home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We read in the hymn from matins on

the feast of the Holy Family: "It is pleasing to recall the lowly house at Nazareth and its slender resources, it is pleasing to tell again in song Jesus' hidden life. Jesus grows up in hidden seclusion, to be trained in Joseph's lowly trade. The loving Mother sits beside her dear Son, the good wife by her husband, content if her loving attention can ease and comfort them in their weariness."



When I think of christian homes, I like to imagine them as being full of the light and joy that were in the home of the holy family. The message of Christmas is heard in all its forcefulness: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." "And may the peace of Christ triumph in your hearts," writes the Apostle. It is a peace that comes from knowing that our Father God loves us, and that we are made one with Christ. It results from being under the protection of the Virgin, our Lady, and assisted by St Joseph. This is the great light that illuminates our lives. In the midst of difficulties and of our own personal failings, it encourages us to keep up our effort. Every christian home should be a place of peace and serenity. In spite of the small frustrations of daily life, an atmosphere of profound and sincere affection should reign there together with a deep-rooted calm, which is the result of authentic faith that is put into practice



EVENING WITH MARY

Tuesdays & Saturday In person or via Zoom call, join us at St Leonard's Church from 5:00-7:15 PM in celebrating the Eucharist, reciting the rosary and at 6:40 PM a virtual meeting with Ivan, the visionary from Medjugorje. The evening concludes with a benediction after ten minutes of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Because the prayer service will be live streamed internationally, arrive before 5:00PM.



There will be NO event on Christmas Dec 25th
Dec 28th and Jan 4th will be via Zoom only,
NO gathering at St Leonard

Meeting ID: 792 438 9838

Passcode: StJames

PURE IN HEART



Each Thursday, the pure in heart young adult group meets at Saint Leonard Church beginning with the rosary at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. All young adults 20s & 30s are welcomed.



NOTE...No event on Thursday December 30th

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

We will be having "PGC" Protecting God's Child class on December 28, 2021
at 6:00 pm - in St Joseph Hall.

The parish is looking for a volunteer as an assistant to our sacristan.

Father Michael would like to invite our parishioners to volunteer and help us to clean the peace garden, collect the fallen leaves and in preparation for winter, volunteer snow shovelers will be needed.

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